



JOHN 1:14

*THE WORD BECAME
FLESH & MADE HIS
DWELLING AMONG US*

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2nd Sunday of Christmas**

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Heavenly Father, as we begin this New Year, let us quiet our hearts and open our minds to Your guiding light. May we be filled with the wisdom to discern Your will in our lives, and the courage to follow where You lead. In this stillness, we surrender our worries and anxieties, trusting in Your love and provision. Shine Your light upon our paths and guide us to bring forth Your goodness in all that we do. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship –

L: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

P: For He strengthens the bars of your gates, He blesses your children within you.

L: He grants peace within your borders; He fills you with the finest of wheat.

P: He sends out His command to the earth; His word runs swiftly.

L: He gives snow like wool; He scatters frost like ashes.

P: He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before His cold?

L: He sends out His word, and melts them; He makes His wind blow, and the waters flow.

P: He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and ordinances to Israel.

L: He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know His ordinances. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn *“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”* **RED #116**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the New Year and all things new, we thank You for the New Year. A year of possibilities. A year of challenges. A year of service. A year of worship. A year of relying on Your grace and mercy. In 2025, empower us to more fully embrace the One who gave His life for ours, so that we might be faithful ambassadors for the Gospel. We know we will fall short at times, but because we are Your children, we have received Your forgiveness before, and know that we will receive Your forgiveness again, for Your love for us is unconditional in Christ. Amen. *(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”* PH #579

Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon Text John 1:1-18

Sermon *“The Word Became Flesh”* Pastor Ryan

*Hymn *“As with Gladness Men of Old”* PH #63

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed

(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

***Hymn**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

PH #66

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher:

Camilla Long

Liturgist:

Dave Long

Communion Steward:

David Drake

Pianist/Organist:

Emma Lou Denton

Bethany Edgecombe

Rich Ford

Julia Territo

***Please stand, if able**

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Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

*Call to Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer of Illumination written by Pastor Ryan